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# LOADED DIAPERS

In the leisurewear/alternative bike clothes category, everybody had a baggy short. Large Hardwear—which pioneered the off-road baggies category—came up with lighter, cheaper shorts. Cactus Peak, Cannondale, Chrome, Dark Continent, DeSoto, High Ride, Insport, Louis Garneau, Nema, Singletrack Mind, Syncros, Vittoria and Zoic all offered new baggies that tried—using gnarly names and promises of comfort—to negate the fact that most baggies look all lumpy and strange. Still, the best reason to

buy baggies was succinctly stated by Ari Shapiro, of Zoic: "They feel like a loaded diaper, and that's good, because it makes you feel like somebody's going to come and take care of you real soon." Do we agree? Depends.

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